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1. [redacted] the Soviet technicians who went to Chungshan* were surveying Santsao Island for the expansion of the airfield there. Since their arrival, the airfield has been strictly guarded and the entire area restricted. The workers on the field include about two hundred special ground service men sent in by the Chinese Communists and local civilians who are employed in reconditioning the field and reconstructing gasoline tanks. It is believed that the field is being converted to an air supply base.

2. [redacted] the Soviet forester, Shezhinov**, and 16 Soviet assistants arrived in Canton with LI fan-wu (李範五)***, Vice Minister of Forestry. The entire party stayed at a hotel on Chung mau Road. They were to work on a five-year plan for afforestation, and to indoctrinate the population on the planting and protection of trees.

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3. Soviet advisers were in daily attendance at the sessions of the Canton People's representative Conference [redacted] Batelev****, an economic adviser, addressed the conference several times.

4. [redacted] 40 Soviets arrived in Canton from Shanghai and moved into Peach Blossom Village, an area secured for Soviet residence.

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Comment. This is an approximation [redacted]

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Comment. [redacted] a Tso-hsi-mo-fu [redacted] attended the All-China Railway Finance and Engineering Conference [redacted]

Comment. In 1946 LI was [redacted] Vice Governor of Lochiang Province.

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**** [redacted] Comment. This name was previously reported as Bataklin. 50X1-HUM
[redacted] an economist named Patliff was [redacted] on a lecture
tour in Communist China. [redacted] B. G. Boldryev, of the USSR
Institute of Finance, was [redacted] in China to lecture on the
Soviet system of taxation and other economic subjects, under the 50X1-HUM
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